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Application No.: 09/963,395	) Examiner: B. Pezzlo
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Filed: September 27, 2001	) Confirmation No.: 9045
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For: HYDRAULIC BRAKE SYSTEM	)
FOR VEHICLE	)

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached is a copy of Fig. 1 originally filed with the above-identified application illustrating a proposed drawing change. The proposed drawing change is shown in red and involves adding reference character --DC-- which is mentioned in the specification.

Consideration and approval of the proposed drawing change are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Е	nclo	osed is a reply for the above-identified patent	app	plication. GROUP 36	0	
[	]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also end	lose			
[	]	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] requisite Government fee are also enclosed.		.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) to cover the		
[2	<b>(</b> ]	Also enclosed is Request for Approval of	Pro	pposed Drawing Change		
[	]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
[	]	Applicant(s) request continued examination [ ] \$370.00 (2801) [ ] \$740.00 (1801) fee due				
		[ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted which continued examination is reques				
Į	]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.				
[	]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.				
· [)	<b>(</b> ]	No additional claim fee is required.				
[	]	An additional claim fee is required, and is c	alcu	ulated as shown below:		

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	12	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment-Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONA	L FEE DUE	FOR THIS AMEN	DMENT		0.00

[ ] A claim fee in	the amount of \$	is enclosed.
[ ] Charge \$	to Deposit Accoun	t No. 02 4800

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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